

GROS PLANT

Style

White, Dry

Region

Loire

Wine Maker

Sébastien Chéreau

Appellation

VDQS Gros Plant du Pays Nantais. South of Nantes on the south bank of the river Loire.

Cépage

100% Gros Plant

Tasting Note

Pale, crisp and bone dry with a clean, almost briney, palate and delicate 'sea air' bouquet.

Serve

Seafood, Oysters or as an aperitif

Cellarage

Best drunk young but will keep happily for 2-3 years from bottling.

Vinification

Hand harvested grapes are picked at optimum ripeness and are vinified in stainless steel vats prior to an early Spring bottling.

History

Gros Plant was introduced to the region by the Dutch Wine Trade in the 1600s and until the phylloxera epidemic at the end of the 19th Century, was the principal grape of the Nantais. Now almost entirely superseded by Muscadet, this characterful and unique wine is becoming endangered.

Gros Plant has been a perennial listing with Yapp Brothers for many years. Due to the fact that production is declining and very little is exported, it remains a relatively undiscovered wine that is very good value for money.

